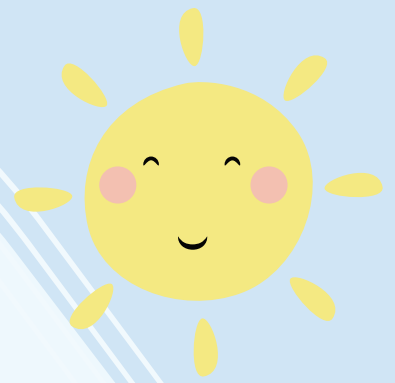
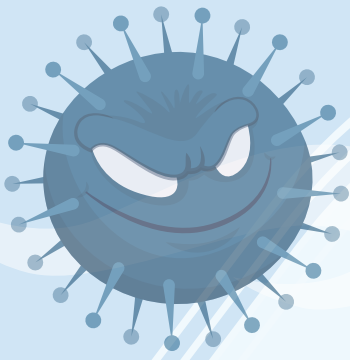


# CHILDREN'S GUIDE TO **CORONAVIRUS**





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## YOUR GUIDE TO CORONAVIRUS

There have been big changes in our lives because of coronavirus.

Schools have closed and we have to stay at home.

So, coronavirus is probably making your life feel really different right now.

That's OK. It's totally normal to feel like this.

### WE ARE GOING TO:

**Answer your questions about coronavirus**

**Tell you how to stay safe and protect other people**

**Help you make the best of your time at home**



## WHY DO I FEEL WORRIED?

Lots of children are telling us they are scared and worried about coronavirus. We understand this.

When we feel scared, it's our body's way of telling us we need to take extra care to protect ourselves.

And there are some important things we all need to do to stay safe, like wash our hands and stay at home.

Feeling worried is one way our bodies remind us to do these things. So being worried is normal! But there's no need to worry too much.

We want to help you understand what's going on and how you can do your bit to help.

But we also want you to know that this won't last forever.

And while we are at home keeping each other safe, we can still enjoy life and do fun things – it's time to be creative!



## WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

Coronavirus is an illness that affects people's breathing and lungs. It can be spread from person to person by coughing or by touching surfaces or areas of skin that have been contaminated by the virus.

### What happens if I get coronavirus?

Children who get corona virus will usually only get a little ill, like a regular cold. Many don't get it at all.

The same goes for mum and dad, if they get it. Grown-ups with healthy bodies are not likely to become very ill.

But coronavirus can be dangerous to people who already have serious diseases. It can also be dangerous to those who are elderly.

That is why we must do everything we can to protect them from getting it, and this includes closing schools.



## HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU HAVE IT?

If you get coronavirus you may feel unwell and your body will have some or all of these symptoms.



**DRY COUGH**



**FEVER**



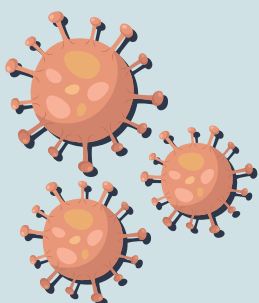
**COLD**



**HEADACHE**



**SHORTNESS OF  
BREATH**



## HOW DO WE STOP CORONAVIRUS FROM SPREADING?

The government is telling us that we need to: **Stay at home**

We are not allowed to hang out in groups and we can only leave the house for exercise and “essential” things like food or getting medicine. We have to stay at home to stop the disease spreading.

We understand that this means you can't play with your friends. Or maybe your birthday party or a football match you were looking forward to was cancelled.

This is upsetting. But...We can't change the fact that we're going to be stuck indoors for a while.

So... we need to get creative to find other ways to hang out with friends online.

We will give you some ideas later on about how you can cope with staying at home.

# Stay at Home



## HOW DO WE STOP CORONAVIRUS FROM SPREADING?

We all need to **wash our hands** often.



WET HANDS AND APPLY SOAP



RUB PALM TO PALM



RUB PALMS WITH FINGERS INTERLACED



SCRUB THE BACK OF YOUR HANDS



CLEAN BASE OF THUMBS



WASH FINGERTIPS AND FINGERNAILS



RINSE HANDS WITH WATER



DRY HAND WITH TOWEL



YOUR HANDS ARE NOW CLEAN

## PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS AGAINST INFECTIONS

## WHERE DO I PUT MY WORRY?

Feeling worried is normal. Don't bottle up your feelings. Talk to an adult you trust about how you feel. Worry buster!

Write down or draw all your worries about coronavirus.

Show it to a trusted adult and ask them to talk to you about each of your worries.



**CAN YOU DRAW OR WRITE YOUR WORRIES ABOUT CORONAVIRUS**

## BEING SAFE AT HOME

Most children are safe at home. Yes, some Children may not be feeling safe then they need to know where they can turn to. If your school has closed and you are not feeling safe at home, here are some people to call. Child line is open 24 hours round the clock, 7 days a week and they can also get in touch online. Children also have the option of talking to your social workers and if they wish to free independent advice from child line.

[childline.org.uk](https://childline.org.uk)

0800 1111

**In an emergency, always call the police on 999**

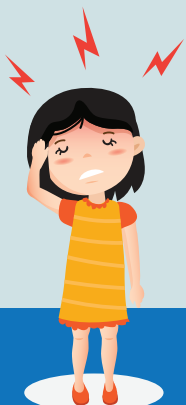


## KEEPING BUSY NOW LIFE HAS CHANGED

Life is really different right now because of coronavirus.

### Some of these changes are difficult and upsetting.

- ✱ You might be Feeling bored or lonely.
- ✱ Sad that you missed your last day of school.
- ✱ Worried about exams and school work.
- ✱ Missing your friends.
- ✱ Worried about mum and dad's jobs.
- ✱ Sad you can't see grandma and granddad or worried that they may become seriously ill.
- ✱ Unable to see your boyfriend or girlfriend.



## IT'S TIME TO GET CREATIVE

So, there are lots of bad things about this virus and we need to take care and look after ourselves.

But it's important we don't spend all of our time worrying about it. Because it won't last for ever.

When we look back on this time we might find we have learned some really interesting things about ourselves and each other.

We can't change this situation. But we can find new and different ways to enjoy life and stay happy.

### Here are some tips on how to keep happy and busy while you're stuck

#### Be Kind

This is a difficult time for everyone. So if your little brother or sister is getting on your nerves, before arguing, see if you can understand how they're feeling – and maybe help them!

#### Look after each other

We all might feel a bit worried or lonely along the way, it's good to take care of each other, and sometimes helping someone else, makes you both feel better!

## IT'S TIME TO GET CREATIVE

### Don't worry too much

This won't last forever, and even when times are tough, everyday can have something amazing up its sleeve.

### Organise your day

The school bell might not ring in your house but you still need a plan. Make time for school work, but also for relaxing.

- ✿ Talk about how you feel
- ✿ Don't believe everything you hear from friends  
Get your information
- ✿ Stay in touch with your friends and family online If you can't see grandma and grandad at the moment, stay in touch with them on Facetime or Skype. And if you're missing your friends, arrange a Google Hangouts / Zoom at the same time everyday.
- ✿ Try and find the opportunities in this situation. It feels a strange time, but you might be surprised at what you can achieve.



# WHAT TO DO

You have probably heard of Joe Wicks and his PE classes – they're amazing. There's loads of stuff on offer. From celebrities reading stories to art classes on Insta – and until 30th June, [Minecraft has some free content!](#)

## Become a DJ!

Become a DJ from your phone [with these free DJ apps](#)

## Keep active

### PE with Joe Wicks

There's no need for any equipment with Joe's lessons designed to be done in living rooms using only bodyweight. Joe's sessions will provide relief for parents who are indoors with children all day while they're off school.

Taking to Instagram last week, Joe said: "It's called PE with Joe. It's a workout specifically designed for children because when the schools are closed there is PE. "Don't worry I've got you, I'm going to take this over and get your children moving and feeling energised, positive, optimistic"



# WHAT TO DO

## Audio books

Audible has made many [books available for free](#) including books by David Walliams.

## Start a film club

Watch movies with your friends on Google Hangouts / Zoom. Pick a different film each week - you could even start a vlog of your reviews.

There's also [Netflix Party](#), which you can use to watch Netflix shows at the same time as your friends.

## Art class

Learn to [draw with Rob on YouTube](#).

## Become a tech genius!

Check out [Geek Gurl Diaries](#) for all stuff tech.



# WHAT TO DO

## See the universe!

Explore the world with a [virtual tour of the Great Wall of China](#). Or, go to another world and experience a [virtual tour of Mars](#)!

## Learn a new language

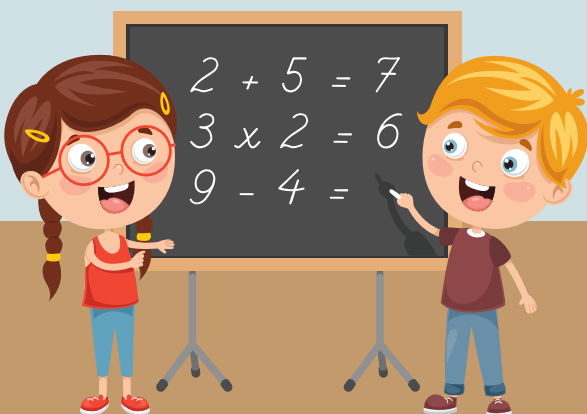
Rosetta Stone are offering three months free to [learn a new language](#).

## Become a quiz master

Make up a quiz and invite your friends to a Zoom / Hangouts to play. Something

## Write a short story

Want to be the next David Walliams or JK Rowling. All you need is a pen and paper!



## WHAT TO DO

### Become a rock star!

Learn an instrument - and if you don't have one, download a [free piano app on your phone](#).

### Retro games night

Have a dig through your cupboards and find some old board games – and challenge your family to a games night!

CAN YOU COLOUR IN THE PICTURE BELOW ?

